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Act II, Advice letter to Romeo or Juliet

Dear Juliet,

This is Ashley, one of your classmates from across town. I’ve heard you’ve been going through some hard times lately. I’m always here if you need someone to talk to. I’ve been let in on the secret of you and Romeo’s marriage, but don’t worry; the secret is safe with me. I just want to put in my input on the situation.

You know as well as I do that the Romeo’s and Monague’s absolutely do not get along. I’m not sure if surprising both of the families randomly with a marriage is a good thing to do. I believe that if you do plan on getting married to Romeo this soon, that you should at the least sit down with your parents and break the news to them. They might be enraged, but I think that your father’s approval of who you marry is especially important. You don’t want him to be upset with you and not be supportive of your decision. In all honesty, I think it to be way too soon to marry young Romeo. For heaven’s sake, you only met the boy a few days ago!

If you decide to go ahead and get married, without informing your parents about it before hand, I can only wish you good luck. I’m not sure of how your father would handle that, but I know mine wouldn’t find it very fulfilling. In my opinion, you should follow your family’s wishes and go ahead and marry Count Paris. He seems to be a very nice fellow. I’m sure he would treat you well, and you wouldn’t have to deal with the feud between you and your lover’s family. You could live happily ever after with Paris, and not have to worry about the complicated situation that would occur if you were to take Romeo as your husband.

I have given you my best advice, and I hope you make the right decision. Let me know how it goes, I absolutely cannot wait to hear what your decision and the outcome will be.

Sincerely,

Ashley Rapp